

HERITAGE AREAS BULLETIN BOARD IX FEBRUARY 13, 2002

Thanks to all of you who sent me material for the Bulletin Board in the year 2001. Who knew that it would be over three months before the next issue hit the streets. I have attached an updated list of National Heritage Areas. As always let me know about email and area code changes.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Just in time for what was the last National Park Service hearing of the year, Subcommittee Chair Radanovich (R-CA) introduced H.R. 3425 to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing Highway 49 in California, known as the Golden Chain Highway as a National Heritage Corridor. The hearing was held on December 13, 2001.

Action on proposed new heritage areas continued with a hearing on a proposed study bill H.R. 2628 for Muscle Shoals sponsored by Mr. Cramer (D-AL). Senate hearings on heritage area proposals are being discussed.

N THE NEWS

The AP article on heritage areas was picked up by papers in Dallas, Harrisburg, PA, and Wooster, MA and Dayton Sherrouse reported that it made the front page of the paper in Augusta, but no other big follow up. Please let your editor know about any news in your areas that we can include in this section of the Bulletin Board (positive and negative).

HERITAGE PARTNERS

Officials from Pennsylvania's Heritage Parks Program and Maryland's Heritage preservation and Tourism Areas Program held a get-together on November 8 to swap stories on their respective statewide heritage partnership initiatives. The two programs are recognized as leaders in the state heritage area practice. The meeting was held at an outfitters near Wrightsville PA. Maryland will host the next meeting which will include representatives from Pennsylvania's recently designated Lancaster-York Heritage Region and Maryland's Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway Area. The two areas will discuss the potential of an interstate National Area that will bridge the Mason-Dixon Line on the Susquehanna River. Your Coordinator hopes to make the next meeting in the spirit of National Park Service Partnership.

More partnership activities are centered on the Potomac River in Maryland. The Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality announced a recommitment to the American Heritage River Initiative through at least mid-2003. The NPS-NCR is the lead Federal agency for the Potomac River.

ALLIANCE FOR NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

The Alliance, the College of Charleston and the National Park Service held the first "Getting Started" Heritage Development Institute in Charleston SC with 38 students from places as disparate as Maine, Utah and Louisiana. There is a lot of interest in both a follow-up course on implementing heritage plans and perhaps another getting started course in the next year or two. The annual meeting of the Alliance was held in DC February 10-13. The first two days included a workshop on developing outcome based indicators for heritage areas, The goal was to look not just at what the heritage areas have achieved, but how the community has benefited from the work. Shelley Feist from the Pew Charitable Trusts and Randy Mason the new director of the University of Maryland's Historic Preservation Program were able to join the group for part of the meeting.

To begin the evaluation effort, the Alliance has hired Suzanne Albert, a graduate intern from the University of Maryland. Suzanne, who grew up in a heritage area in RI, will be gathering baseline information and developing a reporting format for future use by regional offices and general

information gathering needs. She is based in the Washington office and we all welcome her aboard.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The National Trust is selling two publications on heritage tourism: **Share Your Heritage: Cultural Heritage Tourism Success Stories** and **Stories Across America: Opportunities in Rural Tourism**. The cost is \$25 for both for the pair with discounts for National trust Members and for bulk orders. Order from www.InfoSeries.com or call (202) 588-6296.

The NPS Conservation Study Institute recently published the results of a workshop, **Collaboration and Conservation: Lessons Learned in Areas Managed through National Park Service Partnerships** (2001).

This publication is available from the Conservation Study Institute at 802 457-3368.

Your editor just published a short article on "The National Register and Heritage Areas" in **CRM** magazine Vol. 25 No.1 2002. This issue of the magazine also has a good article on "Cultural Landscapes and the National Register" and other relevant topics. **CRM** is available on-line at www.nps.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alliance for National Heritage Areas Spring Meeting April 24-27 2002 Erie Canalway National Corridor Albany NY

Alliance for National heritage Areas Fall meeting October 2-5 2002 Silos and Smokestacks, Waterloo IA

National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Meeting October 9-12 Cleveland Ohio ***Will include for the first time a track on heritage areas as well as tours and field workshops in the Ohio and Erie Canal Heritage Corridor

International Heritage Development Conference Pittsburgh June 2003

ON THE ROAD

Your editor plans a long-delayed trip to the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area (AZ) at the end of February.